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ORDERLY-BOOK OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE
REGIMENT OF FOOT, MAY 10 TO AUGUST 16, 1777.

BY JOHN W. JORDAN.

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HEAD QUARTERS July 6 1777.

Major General,—Stirling. Brigadier,—Woodford.

Field Officers, Colonel Stephens and Major Davis.

A Court of Inquiry to sit tomorrow morning at a certain place near the Park of Artillery to inquire into the conduct of the Artillery Officers whose Field pieces were lost in the action of the 26th of June last. The Court is to consist of five members, Colonel Brodhead, president—the Court is appointed at the request of the officers.

The Commander in Chief has observed with concern, notwithstanding the Order of June 1st last, requiring all Officers of Corps not sick or on other duty, to attend the Parade daily at the time of exercise to learn and perform their Duty—yet there is very great neglect—he wishes it to be impressed on the minds of every Officer that nothing may be more hurtful to the Service than the neglect of Discipline, for that Discipline more than numbers gives one Army the superiority of another, he therefore requires in the most positive manner all Officers to attend Parades and Exercises agreeable to the orders, and the Commanding Officers of Corps put under arrest who fails of an exact observance of them. Whenever Corps and Brigades assemble for Exercise every Officer is to take and keep his proper post; such as have command directing those men only who are under their immediate care and that in such a manner as not to interfere with the orders of the Exercising Officer. Those men who appear to be least acquainted with exercise, are daily when off duty to be sent

to the Drill and particular care taken to instruct them and effectually promote Military Discipline in the Army. The Officers must set the example to the close attention to that point, assembling frequently each Corps by themselves and learning with diligence the Manual Exercise and the most useful manœuvres, together with the Guest Salute, already directed in General Orders. Such a practice cannot fail of producing the best effects and nothing can do the Officers more honour; they will know their own duty and what they have a right to expect from all who are under their command; and the men excited by their example will eagerly embrace every opportunity to improve.

G. O.

HEAD QUARTERS July 7, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Lincoln; Brigadier, Maxwell.

Field Officers, Colonel Martin Hall, Brig. Major, Wither-spoon.

The General expects the strictest attention will be paid to the order of the 20th of last month, for sizeing the men and placing the shortest in the front. Unless this is done the whole fire of the rear rank will most assuredly be lost, especially if the files should happen, as is too often the case, to be crowded together.

The Commander in Chief approves the following sentences of a General Court Martial, held on 6th inst. of which Colonel Walter Stewart was president—Jn^o Halfpenny of 10th Virginia Regt., charged with getting drunk, raising a riot, and abusing his Officers. Two evidences appearing before the Court, ordered him to be released from confinement.

It being injurious to the health of the Soldiers, on account of the foulness of the waters, and inconsistent with decency, for them to bathe in the mill pond by Howell's Mill, near the highway leading from Head Quarters to the Court House, that practice is forbidden, and the guard and sentries posted near there are to arrest and confine all offenders. The pay rolls of the several regiments and Corps for the month of June to be made out immediately and lodged with the Paymaster General.

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A case of pocket Surgical ware was lost the day the Army marched from Middle Brook to Morristown. The finder of them is desired to return them to the Surgeon of the Second Virginia, and he shall be duly rewarded for his trouble.

A servant boy about ten years old with a leathern cap, Swan skin vest, a drab coloured Coat turned up with blue, Oznabrig trousers, has been missing for some days. His name is Jacob Cook; he is supposed to be lurking about the Camp. It is requested when found he may be sent to Mr. Mackey's in Morristown.

Colonel Morgan's Corps of Riflemen not being annexed to any particular Brigade, are to draw provisions from the Commissary, who may be nearest the place where they may be stationed.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

Officers commanding regiments are requested to have all their men fit for duty under arms every morning for exercise in going through their different manœuvres. Particular attention should be paid to their manner of Wheeling and Marching. All wheels should be performed complete and with life, and instead of the short step which the Troops in general practice, they should be taught to throw their feet well before them, which may be done with as much ease and in as good time with the Musick, as the other method is more graceful and gains ground faster.

The Officers should make themselves acquainted with the Salutes as pointed out in General Orders of 16th of June last.

It is strongly recommended to the soldiery of General Weedon's Brigade to have all their hair cut short by trimming it close before thinning and cutting it behind so as to leave it in a short curl or bob; it prevents vermin, keeps their heads cool, and is much more convenient in rainy

weather ; it is also dressed with ease and looks more soldier-like.

There being a great difference between the Regimental returns of this and last week, has rendered it necessary to give the Brigade Major possitive orders to receive no returns for the differences arising between them, and the former are not particularly accounted for ; and as the Adjutant pleads in their excuse that the Officers do not account for any differences arising in their companies returns ; ordered that they may expect of no returns from the companies not corresponding with the directions. Detail for Guard. C. S. S. C. P. F. D.

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Adjutant for the day, Ruth.

G. O.

HEAD QUARTERS July 8, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Greene ; Brigadier, Muhlenberg.

Field Officers Major Weltner and Colonel Lewis ; Brig. Major, Swain.

The Court of which Colonel Brodhead was president, appointed to inquire into the conduct of the Artillery Officers, viz. Captain Eustis and his officers, and Captain Archibald, whose pieces were lost the 26th of last month, report that having examined divers officers, whose names they mention, relative thereto, they are of opinion that Captain Huston and his officers behaved with becoming bravery and good conduct during the whole action, and that the loss of the field pieces was unavoidable, they being left in the rear, unsupported ; also that Captain Gibbs Jones and the officers under his command behaved with becoming bravery and good conduct during the whole action, and that the loss of the piece commanded by Captain-Lieutenant Archibald was inevitable, it being left in the rear unsupported.

The ground on which part of the Troops are encamped may be less dry and healthy than others in the neighborhood, the Major Generals are desired in such cases to shift the encampments of their Divisions or such parts of them as they shall judge necessary to preserve the health of the

Troops. Dewy and foggy mornings may be less favorable to the health of the Soldiers than other parts of the day; commanding Officers of Corps will in such seasons postpone turning out their men 'till the close or other part of the day as they and their Surgeons shall find most expedient.

Canteens, hammocks and other camp essentials must be very beneficial to the Troops, but unless more care may be taken to preserve it will be impracticable to preserve them. The Quarter Master General, therefore, in issuing those articles will charge them to the respective Quarter Masters of Regiments and Corps; these Quarter Masters to the Captains or officer commanding companies, and they to their men, each to account with the other in the order preceding.

Captains and officers commanding companies are every Saturday to examine the Clothes, Arms, Accoutrements, Ammunition and Camp utensils of their men, that if any are missing and a good account of them cannot be rendered, the person found deficient to be answerable for them.

In vain are orders given and repeated, if after one cursory reading they are thrown aside and neglected—many orders are entered for standing regulations and are of great importance to be known and remembered—the Commander in Chief therefore, in the strongest manner enjoins upon all officers to examine the Orderly Book and frequently review the Standing Orders, and also often cause to be read to the men such as immediately respect them.

A return of tents in each Regiment to be made at four o'clock this day post M. R. to the Quarter Master General such regiments as have not received the horseman's tents to apply to the Quarter Master General.

G. O.

HEAD QUARTERS July 9, 1777.

Parole—Warwick; Countersign, Warren Warfield.

Major General tomorrow, Stephen; Brigadier, Wayne.

Field Officers, Colonel Hartley, Lieut. Colonel Febiger, Brig. Major, Ryan.

In General Orders of 1st inst. returns of the sick in Camp

to be signed by the Surgeons of each Regiment were directed to be made every Tuesday and Friday at 9 oclock A.M., to the Surgeon General of the Army, which have not been done, nor have returns of other kinds been regularly made when demanded—such neglects are highly prejudicial to the service. All persons are therefore enjoined to make due returns in future, and who fails may depend on being arrested.

The guards who are relieved daily are to send a Sergeant or Corporal to the Grand Parade at 8 o'clock in the morning to conduct the new Guard to their Posts.

GENERAL AFTER ORDERS July 9, 1777.

A General Court Martial to sit tomorrow at the usual place at 9 o'clock for the trial of such prisoners as shall be brought before it. Colonel Chambers is appointed president of the Court.

HEAD QUARTERS, MORRISTOWN, July 10, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Lord Stirling; Brigadier, Weedon; Brig. Major, Perry.

Every Brigade which has not furnished its quota of Pioneers to the Qr. Mr. General is to do it immediately and have them sent to his quarters. General Wayne's brigade to furnish 10 men, and General deHaes 10 men, such as are fit for the purpose.

The tents of the whole Army are to be struck at gun firing tomorrow morning and packed up ready for marching with the utmost speed. The line of march to begin afterwards as soon as possible. All Baggage Wagons, those with tents excepted, are to move this afternoon towards Bonamtown, to a place appointed by General Mifflin, guards for which are to be supplied in the following manner, viz. each Brigade to furnish 1 Captain, 2 Sub^l and 30 men; each Division a field officer, that from General Greene's to be Colonel Commandant. The women are to march with the baggage. Two days provisions to be cooked and ready this afternoon; canteens to be filled

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with water before the march begins, as no soldier will be allowed to quit the ranks on that account. The three pickets, viz. on the Pompton, Chatham and Middle Brook roads will quit their posts at gun fire tomorrow morning and join their respective Corps without delay. All other guards will attend to their duty in their several departments, where they are placed until relieved, moving with their charges respectively.

BRIGADE ORDERS, MORRISTOWN July 10, 1777.

The sick of each Regiment to be sent to the Hospital tomorrow morning and every necessary preparation made to march tomorrow morning at the allotted time; 1 subaltern officer to be left behind to superintend the sick of their regiments, whose business it will be to bring up as soon as they are able to march and to see that they do not suffer while in the Hospital. Two women of each Regiment to remain with the sick respective Corps as Nurses.

Adjutant for tomorrow, Overton.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, July 11, 1777.

The Quartermaster to draw three days provisions and the Captains to see that their men immediately dress the same, as there is a prospect of marching in the morning. Those guns which want repairing must go immediately to the Qr. Mr., having an order to get them put in repair.

The men are to be warned for guard in the evening and they are not to turn out in the morning to exercise, but to take care to have their guns in order, themselves well shaved and powdered, otherwise they must be severely punished.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

HEAD QUARTERS POMPTON PLAINS, July 11, 1777.

The Army to pitch their tents tonight and tomorrow morning at the gun firing, if the weather is good, to stretch them and prepare everything with the greatest dispatch for a march. If it should rain, the tents standing to remain, unless particular orders are given to the contrary. No

kind of baggage to be taken out of the wagons besides the tents. Immediately after firing the morning gun the General to be beaten through the Line instead of the Reveille. Two field pieces firing from the Park of Artillery to be the signal for marching; the same order of march to be in force.

Tomorrow each Division will station necessary guards about their encampments—the separate column of baggage to march under direction.

HEAD QUARTERS POMPTON PLAINS, July 12, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stephen; Brigadier, Scott; Field Officers, Scott; Lieut. Colonel Nelson; Brig. Major, Johnston.

As the foul weather prevents the marching of the troops today, they are to draw two days provisions and cook them immediately.

Complaints have been made to the Commander in Chief that some soldiers have pulled down the fences to burn and lay open the fields of the inhabitants, he enjoins it upon the officers to use the utmost watchfulness and care to prevent this prejudice, and whoever is found guilty of it shall be severely punished. The same orders that were given last evening are to determine and regulate the march tomorrow.

AFTER ORDERS.

The morning gun will not be fired tomorrow morning. As usual the tents are not to be struck 'till dry. The firing of one field piece to be the signal to march, strike tents and prepare to march; two field pieces fired, to begin the march. When the Army marches the Deputy Qr. Mr. Grl. and his assistant from each Division are to go forward, the Qr. Mr. Genl. to lay out the ground for encampment.

HEAD QUARTERS POMPTON PLAINS, July 13, 1777.

Major General for tomorrow, Stirling; Brigadier, Conway.

Field Officers, Colonel Spotswood and Major Williams.
Brigade Major, Tarling.

The Commander in Chief approves the following sentences of a General Court Martial held the 7th, 8th, and 9th inst., and orders that they be put in execution forthwith. Lieut. Comans of the 1st Virginia Regm't. charged with messing with the common soldiers and speaking disrespectful words of the commanding officer of the Regiment, and with carrying a soldier belonging to the 1st Regt. away—The Court having no evidence to prove the charge of speaking disrespectful words of the commanding officer of the Regt, cannot determine he is or is not guilty of that charge—they are of opinion considering the peculiar circumstances of the matter as to the messing with the common soldiers, related by the prisoner, and having no evidence to prove it—he should be reprimanded by the commanding officer of the Regt to which he belongs, at the head of such Regt. The Court do excuse the prisoner for taking away a soldier from his Regt, considering the bad state of health he was in. Jno. Walker a Sergeant in Captain Jno. Steel's Independent Company charged with absenting himself twelve days from his company without leave plead guilty, but he was returning to his company when taken up. Sentenced to be reprimanded at the head of his company and one months pay to be stopped from him. Anthony Asket, charged with the same crime as Walker, belonging to Cap^t Steel's Independent Company as above. Jno. Grant of the 14th Virginia Regt charged with sleeping on his post, plead guilty. Sentenced to receive 25 lashes on his back, but it appearing in evidence that he was a good, orderly, well behaved soldier, and was probably unwell when he was a sentry, the Commander in Chief remits his punishment. Lieut. Samuel Smith of the 8th Penna. Regt. charged with ungenteel behaviour in the Regt. and disobedience of orders, not attending the Parade as constantly at morning times as he ought to have done, and sentenced to be severely reprimanded in General Orders, the Commander in Chief is extremely sorry that an officer of whom it is testified that in posts of danger he behaved with prudence and spirit, should be guilty of neglect of discipline which is so essential to

form the good soldier. Neglect contrary to orders highly injurious to the service and disgraceful to the subject of it—Neglect for which neither prudence nor bravery can compensate it, which if persisted in will be an effectual bar to promotion.

Jno. Dougherty, of the Artillery, charged with stabbing Lieut. Carrington of the 7th Virginia Reg^t—the Court having considered the charge and evidence, are of the opinion that the prisoner is guilty of the charge, and are likewise of the opinion that if the prisoner is guilty of the charge against him, he was justifiable in doing it as he acted in the way of his duty.

As the weather was bad and the ground wet, the general orders a gill of Rum to be issued to each man immediately—

From intelligence lately received the General informs the Army that it is possible the next move of the Army may be towards the Delaware, but desires that no steps may be taken towards it 'till further orders.

Thomas Frederick Esq. was on the 1st inst. appointed Brigade Major to Brigadier Glover—to be respected and obeyed as such.

Roger Alden Esq. is appointed Brigade Major to Brig. General Huntington, to be respected and obeyed as such.

HEAD QUARTERS, July 14, 1777.

Major General for tomorrow, Greene; Brigadier, Maxwell.

Field Officers Colonel Matthews, Major [torn], Brig. Major, Witherspoon.

Each Major General will order the Guard necessary for the security of his Division. The Quarter Master General with his Deputies will mark out the ground for the Encampment of each Division tomorrow, as the Army will arrive at its ground early in the day. As soon as the men are settled in their quarters, the officers are to critically inspect their arms and accoutrements, and have them put in the best order possible. The Commander in Chief was surprised this day to see the bad condition of many arms, they

being not only unfit for fire, but very rusty, which latter is in the power of every man to prevent, and the neglect of it must arise from an inexcusable inattention of the orders.

The tents are to be struck tomorrow morning at gun fire, which will be at the usual time, and the whole Army to get ready to march at 5 o'clock. One field piece is to be fired and then the march is to begin, and as the baggage of each Brigade will join its Brigade tonight, it is to follow close after it tomorrow. The whole Army to march from the left in half platoons, the Brigades following each other in order observed this day, saving that the baggage, as before directed, will immediately follow the Brigade it belongs to. As the distance is not great, no part of the Army is to halt 'till it arrives at the ground of encamping. If it should rain tomorrow morning the Army is to remain in the present encampment. On a march, neither officers or soldiers are to pay a salute or pull off his hat to the Commander in Chief or any other officer passing by.

G. O.

HEAD QUARTERS, THE CLOVE, July 15, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stephen; Brigadier, Muhlenberg.

Field Officers, Col. Lawson, Major Murray, and Brigade Major, Swain.

It was yesterday directed in General Orders that neither officers or soldiers should pay a salute or pull off their hats to the Commander in Chief or other officers passing by, and the total disregard of this order is a proof of how little pains officers take to acquaint either themselves or men with the Orders of the Day. Other orders issued this instant respecting the march of the Army are also neglected in instances which came directly under the observation of the Commander in Chief, which cannot be presumed to arise from any other cause than ignorance of these orders. For the future, therefore, all officers are each day to make themselves acquainted with the orders of it, and with respect to the orders of 14th inst., the Commander in Chief directs that the Brigadiers do as soon as possible call to-

gether all the officers commanding Corps in their respective Brigades and read to them those orders; and the commanding officers of Corps are likewise required to assemble all the officers in their respective Corps, and read to them the same orders, and all who are not already provided are forthwith to furnish themselves with copies of them and still more effectually to execute those orders.

Each Brigade is to appoint a field officer to attend his Brigade and particularly of the wagons belonging to it, whose business it shall be to ride backwards and forwards along the line to see the march conducted with propriety and agreeable to orders. Advantages to be taken of the present halt to get the horses shod and the wagons repaired;—no delay is to be made in this matter, as it is very uncertain how soon the Army may move. Again and for the same reason, all officers and soldiers are to keep near their quarters, and on no pretence to ramble about the country without leave—officers from their Brigadiers, soldiers from their Colonels or officers commanding their Regiments. All wagons are to join their respective Brigades, and get proper orders for marching, and when the Army moves again the officers and Wagon Masters are to see that they are more equally loaded than they have been; and when any men fall sick on the march, they are not to be put in the heavily loaded baggage wagons, but left to be taken up by the empty wagons which follow in the rear for that end.

The commanding officers of Corps are immediately to make returns to the Adjutant General of the clothing most wanted in their respective Corps. As the quantity of clothing to be distributed is not great, the Commander in Chief most earnestly desires that officers will make returns for no more than is indispensably necessary for them.

Each Brigade to furnish men for cutting wood, to parade tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock in front of Tavern.

D. O. The Brigades in Gen. Greene's division are to furnish by daily relay 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal, 12 privates as guard for the General's baggage, and this guard is expected when circumstances will admit of it, to be regularly

returned, for a neglect of which no excuse will or can be admitted.

HEAD QUARTERS, July 15, 1777.

After Orders. The Commander in Chief expects that all officers will make it their business to see that the Orders issued respecting the destruction of property of the inhabitants are particularly attended to at all times.

HEAD QUARTERS, July 16, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stirling, Brigadier Wayne.

Field Officers, Colonel Spencer, Lieut. Col. Parker of Gen. Weedon's Brigade, and Brig. Major, Ryan.

The General Court Martial whereof Col. Chambers was president is dissolved.

A General Court Martial is to sit at 10 o'clock this forenoon near Gen. Maxwell's quarters for the trial of such prisoners as are brought before it. Col. Shreeve is appointed president of the Court.

G. O.

HEAD QUARTERS, CLOVE, July 17, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Greene; Brigadier Weedon.

Field Officers Lieut. Col. Willis, Major Hay, Brig. Major, Piers.

Some disputes having arisen between Col. Hamilton and Col. Johnston respecting seniority, the General Officers are to meet at some place to be appointed by Major Gen. Greene, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and after hearing the pretensions of both these officers and enquiring minutely into the matter, to report the case and their opinions thereon to the Commander in Chief. The frequent discharging of pieces, in order to clean them and keep them in order, occasions the waste of ammunition—the General orders in very pointed and positive terms, that no musket shall be loaded with cartridges until we are close to the enemy and there is a moral certainty of engaging them. The Quarter Master of each Regiment is to draw a small quantity of powder, ball and wadding to furnish the Guards from his Regiment, who are to load with loose Powder and running ball when they mount guard, and this the officers of those guards are in-

variably to have drawn and return to the Regimental Quarter Master before their dismissal from the parade, after being relieved. The practice of this kind particularly adhered to will not only be a great saving of ammunition, but the means of preserving the arms, for nothing is so hurtful to the barrel as lying loaded, especially in damp weather.

About 80 tents have arrived in Camp and such as are destitute of them may now be supplied therewith. But previous to the delivery of them, returns must be made from the Quarter Masters of each Brigade of the number of men in each Corps belonging to the Brigade and the number of Tents now in their possession.

The Adjutant General in issuing orders for the delivery of clothes is to compare the returns made to the commanding officers of Corps of their wants with their Clothiers accounts, as far as he can come at them, and see to the utmost of their power that equal justice be done in the distribution of them.

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Found a Red Morocco Leather Case containing Colonel Hartshorn's Commission and sundry other papers. The owner may have it by applying to Captain Sergeant at the Park of Artillery.

Tomorrow at Troop beating, the Quarter Master General is to have the road through the Clove to New Windsor reconnoitred and all proper places for halting and encamping, with the distances from hence noted, and reported to the Commander in Chief, and to do the like on the road to King's Ferry. A field officer, two captains, 4 sergeants and 100 rank and file to be paraded at daylight tomorrow morning on the Grand Parade, with two days provision in a light wagon. The commanding officer will receive his orders from the Adjutant General.

A subaltern and 12 light horse will parade at the same time and apply to the Adjutant General for orders.

Doctor Cochran is to inspect the state of the sick and their condition, and will give such orders respecting them as shall appear proper.

Each Brigade to furnish a good Blacksmith to parade tomorrow at 10 o'clock before Lord Stirling's quarters at Suffern's Tavern.

The Quarter Masters of those Regiments for clothing returns have been made, and to apply to the Deputy Clothier General tomorrow at Baldon's mills, about a mile from Head Quarters, on the road to Pompton. The detachment to be commanded by Major Miches.

HEAD QUARTERS, THE CLOVE, July 18, 1777.

Major General tomorrow, Stephen ; Brigadier, Woodford.

Field Officers, Lieut. Col. Farmer, Major North, and Brig. Major, Day.

The Commander in Chief approves the following sentences of a General Court Martial held 16 inst., whereof Col. Shreeve was president, and orders that there be no delay in putting them into execution. Levi Springer of the 4th North Carolina B. T. in Capt. Nelson's company, charged with desertion from the 4th Regiment and enlisting with Capt. Sims of the 10 Regiment—found guilty and sentenced to 50 lashes on his bare back, and to serve out his time with Capt. Nelson, and the bounty he received from Capt. Sims be returned to him.

Joshua Hunter of the 1st Virginia Regiment, charged with desertion, found guilty and sentenced to receive 50 lashes on his bare back.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, July 18, 1777.

A Regimental Court Martial will sit this morning.

The Officers in the future will when manœuvring pay greater attention to the beats of the drum, and take care that their men do the same. When they are to face to the right, the drum will beat one stroke and a flam ; to the left, two strokes and a flam, the right about three strokes and a flam, and the left about four strokes and a flam.

The Regiment is to be paraded every morning at 6 o'clock, and in the evening to manœuvre till further orders.

WALTER STEWART, *Colonel.*

(To be continued.)